

Amendment and Response and Examiner Interview Summary

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROPULSION AND POWER GENERATION USING SPINNING
ELECTRODYNAMIC TETHERS**REMARKS**

The following remarks are made in response to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2004. Claims 1-45 were rejected. Claims 1 and 20 are amended with the above amendment. Claims 1-45 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-7, 10-14, 17-18, and 20-45 for being anticipated by Forward et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,116,544).

The Examiner rejected claims 4, 8-9, 15-16, and 19 for being unpatentable over Forward et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,116,544).

As indicated in the attached telephonic Examiner Summary, Examiner Semunegus indicated in the January 19, 2005 telephonic Examiner Interview that both Examiner Semunegus and Supervisor Examiner Carone agree that the above amendments to the claims place the claims in allowable form.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully requests that the above 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejections be removed and that claims 1-45 be allowed.

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In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-45 are in form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-45 is respectfully requested.

No fees are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)(c). However, if such fees are required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 500471.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' Representative at the below-listed telephone number to facilitate prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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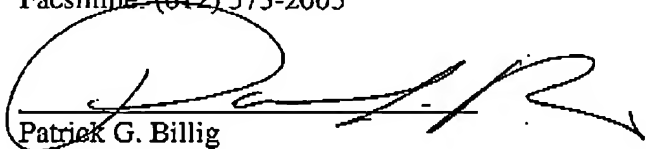
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